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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Washington, D.C. 20231

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Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 9, lines 2-8, replace the paragraph as follows:

The L-shaped portion 23 is shaped in an L shape in section to make two particular surfaces perpendicular to each other. The particular surfaces are directed inward in the radial direction of the vibration actuator. An adhesive or the like fixedly attaches the coil 17 to the particular surfaces of the L-shaped portion 23 of the vibration member 18.

Page 9, lines 12-18, replace the paragraph as follows:

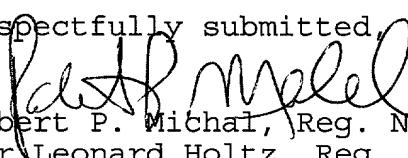
The vibration actuator of Fig. 5 is different from that of Figs. 1A and 1B in that the L-shaped portion 23 of the vibration member 18 in Fig. 1A is replaced by a U-shaped portion 36. With this structure, the coil 17 is fitted in the U-shaped portion 36 and kept in contact with the vibration member 18 at three surfaces. Therefore, the coil 17 is hardly released from the vibration member 18 as compared with the L shape illustrated in Figs. 1A or 4 and providing two surfaces as contact surfaces. Thus, this structure is highly reliable.

IN THE DRAWINGS:

Please amend Fig. 6A as indicated in red on the accompanying copy thereof.

Upon approval, a new corrected Formal Drawing will be supplied in due course.

Respectfully submitted,


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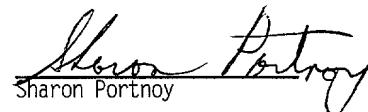
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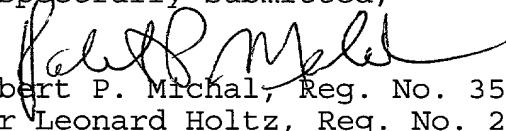
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It is respectfully requested that the Examiner and the Official Draftsperson approve of the proposed amendment to Fig. 6A as indicated in red on the accompanying copy thereof.

Upon approval and upon allowance of a claim, a new corrected Formal Drawing will be supplied in due course.

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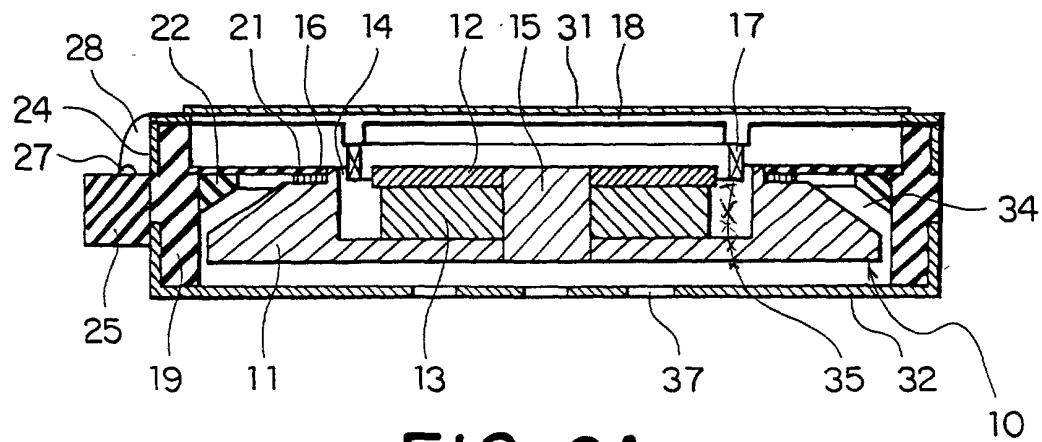


FIG. 6A

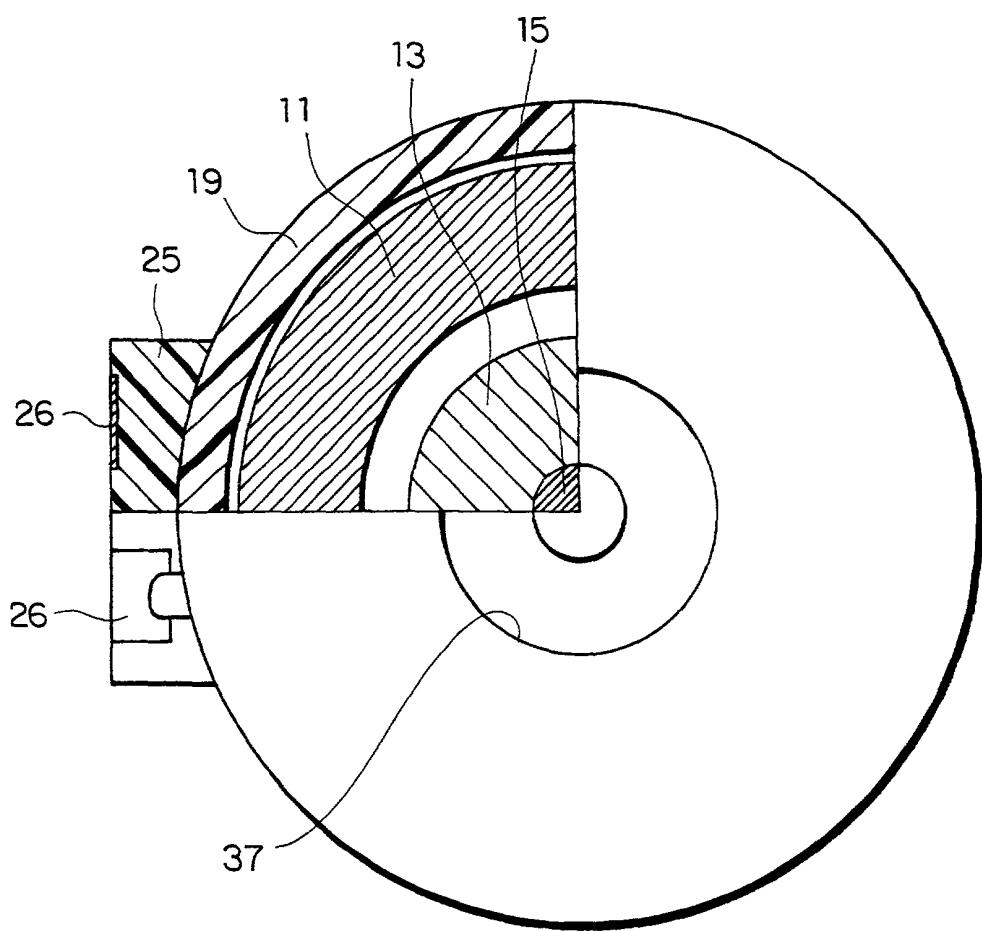


FIG. 6B